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## THE "MAURICE" LETTER. PREMIER TRIUMPHANTLY VINDICATED. MR. ASQUITH'S MOTION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

(Rafter's Service to the China Mail).

### MOTION FOR A SELECT COMMITTEE

MR. ASQUITH'S DEFENCE OF  
HIS ATTITUDE.

LONDON, May 9.

In the House of Commons great  
interest was shown in the debate  
arising out of the Maurice letter and  
the House was crowded everywhere.

Mr. Asquith, in moving for the  
appointment of a Select Committee  
to inquire into Major-General Mau-  
rice's allegations, said that a good  
deal of misconception seemed to  
prevail regarding what really was a  
very simple matter. Neither in in-  
tention nor in fact was his motion  
a vote of censure upon the Govern-  
ment. (Cheers, laughter and a cry  
"The Irish are not here.")

Continuing, Mr. Asquith said since  
he had sat on the Front Opposition  
Bench for eighteen months he had  
never voted against the Government  
on any question, and he had done all  
he could, not only in the House, but  
outside, without withholding what he  
considered legitimate criticism, to  
assist the Government in the pro-  
secution of the war, and particularly  
in the definition and the prosecution  
of the great purposes of the war and  
the peace for which the Allies were  
contending.

Mr. Asquith said some people  
thought he was hungrily impatient  
to resume office, but he was content  
to let the House and the community  
judge whether that was so. If he  
felt it his duty to censure the  
Government he hoped he would  
have the courage to do so unequivoc-  
ally, but when he put down his  
motion he honestly thought the  
Government would have accepted it.

Referring to Major-General Mau-  
rice's letter, Mr. Asquith said  
General Maurice must have known  
he was committing a serious breach  
of the King's Regulations, jeopardising  
the whole of his career. Presum-  
ably, General Maurice would not  
have taken that course except under  
a grave sense of responsibility and  
public duty. The Government had  
admitted that there was a case for  
enquiry. Regarding the proposal that  
the inquiry should be made by two  
judges, experience showed that such  
an enquiry in such circumstances was  
unsatisfactory. Such a tribunal  
would be impotent unless it had  
statutory powers. He suggested a  
non-party Committee of five mem-  
bers of the House of Commons who  
could probably reach a decision which  
would be respected by the House  
and the country in two or three days.

What was the alternative?  
Mr. Stanton interjected: "Get on  
with war." (Loud Cheers.)  
Mr. Asquith replied that if we  
wanted to get on with the war the  
first thing was to remove misconcep-  
tions and misunderstandings which  
might be without foundation but  
which created doubt in everybody's  
mind. Any Government statement  
of facts would be ex parte and made  
in the absence of those who im-  
pugned the accuracy of the previous  
statements.

Mr. Asquith urged that it was in  
the honour and interest of the  
Government and the House, the  
Army, the Nation and our Allies and  
the unshattered prosecution of the  
war to establish a tribunal of en-  
quiry which from its constitution  
and power would be able to give a  
prompt, decisive and authoritative

judgment. He hoped regarding  
some of these matters that there had  
been an honest misapprehension,  
but the clearer the case Ministers  
had for proving the accuracy of the  
impugned statements the more cogent  
was the argument in favour of an  
enquiry under conditions which no-  
body could suspect of partiality or  
prejudice. (Laughter in which Mr.  
Bonar Law joined.)

Mr. Asquith, turning to Mr. Bonar  
Law, asked: Does Mr. Bonar Law  
think a Select Committee of the  
House of Commons is not an un-  
suspected tribunal?  
Mr. Bonar Law replied that every  
member of the House of Commons  
was either friendly or unfriendly to  
the Government and, therefore, pre-  
judiced.

Mr. Asquith retorted: I am very  
sorry to hear the Leader of the House  
suggests that he cannot get five mem-  
bers of the House of Commons who  
are not so steeped in party prejudice  
that they can be trusted to judge  
a pure issue of fact. I leave it there.  
(Cheers.)

### THE PREMIER'S REPLY.

Mr. Lloyd George, who was re-  
ceived with loud cheers, said that  
as far as he knew the demand for  
a Select Committee to inquire into  
the statements of Ministers was  
absolutely unprecedented. Outlining  
the position, the Premier said a dis-  
tinguished General who, for good or  
bad reasons, had ceased to occupy  
the office he held for two years; had,  
after he left the office, challenged  
the statements of two Ministers  
made during the time that the  
General was in office. During the  
time he held office General Maurice  
never challenged those statements—  
(cheers)—although he had access to  
official information and the Ministers  
themselves. General Maurice was  
in office for weeks after his (Mr.  
Lloyd George's) speech in the House  
and he attended the meeting of the  
Cabinet in the absence of the Chief  
of Staff the day after the speech was  
delivered. General Maurice never  
called attention to it and never asked  
him (Mr. Lloyd George) to correct  
it. General Maurice also attended  
the Cabinet on the following day,  
but did not call attention to the fact  
that the statements were inaccurate.  
He (Mr. Lloyd George) was in daily  
contact with General Maurice on the  
business of the war. They were  
constantly discussing this question  
of figures, because General Maurice  
was the authority as Director of  
Military Operations. (Cheers.) The  
Premier asked whether it was not  
General Maurice's business to come  
to him, especially if he thought it  
was so important that he must break  
the King's Regulations and set an  
example of indiscipline to the whole  
Army? (Cheers.) It was General  
Maurice's duty to go first to the  
Cabinet or the Minister impugned  
and point out the mistake and ask  
him to correct it; but never a syl-  
lable was said until he (the Premier)  
saw the letter in the newspapers.  
I have been treated unfairly,  
declared Mr. Lloyd George. (Loud  
Cheers.) General Maurice never  
made any representations to the  
Chief of Staff, although the question  
was so important that it was now  
proposed that a Select Committee  
must be established in order to in-  
quire into it, and it was so impor-  
tant as to justify General Maurice in  
trampling upon the King's Regula-  
tions thus setting an example of in-  
discipline to the whole Army.

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## INTIMATIONS

## HONGKONG CLUB

## NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the HONGKONG CLUB will be held in the LARGE DINING ROOM, on THURSDAY, the 16th inst., at 5.30 P.M.

Business:—As set forth in the Notice posted in the Hall of the Club.

By Order  
E. DES VREUX,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, May 7, 1918. 393

## THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTEENTH YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Buildings, at 11 A.M., on FRIDAY, the 17th May, 1918, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1917, and the Report of the General Manager and Consulting Committee, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th May to the 17th May, 1918, both days inclusive.

THE CHINA-BORNEO CO., LTD.  
W. G. DABRY,  
General Manager.

Hongkong, May 2, 1918. 392

## CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Underwritten, on FRIDAY, the 17th May, 1918, at Noon.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd May to the 17th May, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.  
General Agents.

Hongkong, April 29, 1918. 397

## PEAK TRAMWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 17th May, 1918, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th April 1918.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th instant to the 22nd instant, both days inclusive.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED,  
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, May 10, 1918. 406

## NOTICE.

## CARVALHO &amp; COMPANY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MR. HENRY ARMAND BEN RICKSON CASTRO has this Day CEASED to be the Manager of our Business at Hongkong and his authority to Sign our Firm Name has been withdrawn.

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## JARRING NOTES ON GERMAN JOY.

## POLES ANGERED BY UKRAINIAN TREATY.

## FOOD WILL O' THE WISP.

Some rather jarring notes are now heard in the German rejoicings over that Eastern peace comedy which set Berlin's bells a-ringing loudly, and the Kaiser a-talking wildly. Several commentators are discovering things, and revealing them, albeit gently, to their readers.

More than one paper warns the people, says the Amsterdam Correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle*, against the hope of abundance from Ukrainian cornucopia. The unity with which the Press service to the Government represented the Ukrainian Ceres as the goddess of unmeasured plenty was, so say the least of it, suspicious. So gentle warnings are being used by the more independent section of the Press, to remind the people that the game of encouraging the masses to continue to hold out by promises of food has been played before.

When Russian Poland was occupied the Germans were told all anxiety regarding food supplies might be banished, but all that happened was that rations were reduced. The same promises were made when Serbia was invaded, but the hungry sheep of the Central Empires consumed quantities of food; two did not receive larger quantities of food; consumed quantities of corn and oil, but still the broad rations of Germany and Austria are the lowest in the world, and there is a serious oil shortage still. The occupied part of Italy was to flood Germany with late vegetables, but still there is no commoner heading in the German Press than "Where are the vegetables?"

ANXIATIONS FROM POLAND.  
It is interesting, too, to note how those policies of no annexation, no indemnities, and self-determination, which were so much talked of in the Fatherland, fare in the East. The *Vornavis* points out that Ukraine's frontiers include Brest-Litovsk within them, and the paper is exceedingly doubtful as to the effect that it will have in Poland. The *Leipziger Volkszeitung* says the frontiers have been fixed without consulting the frontier peoples concerned, and it foresees great difficulties with Poland. *Welt am Montag* the Berlin Socialist weekly, is troubled of all its peace joy by the fact that the frontiers have been fixed without the Poles being consulted, and it maintains the situation in Poland, already delicate, will be

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## GERMANS' BRITISH WIVES.

## MISTAKEN IDEAS ABOUT THEIR LEGAL RIGHTS.

Misapprehension exists, the *Daily Chronicle* learns, with regard to the legal rights of women of British birth who have married Germans. Many women who are in this position, and particularly those whose husbands have returned to Germany to fight for that country, are under the impression that they can at will be denaturalised as Germans and re-naturalised as British subjects. This is not so. A woman who loses her status as a British subject by marriage cannot take steps to regain it unless her husband is dead or she is divorced from him.

British women by birth who have lived with their German husbands in Germany until the death of the latter, are allowed to return to England at the present time on condition that they apply for naturalisation papers immediately on their arrival in this country. This process may be carried out without expense to the applicant, and permission to apply is in itself a concession, as of course, in the ordinary way naturalisation is not allowed in time of war.

With regard to a widely held impression that the fact that the German husband of a British-born woman remaining in this country is fighting against this country constitutes legal ground for divorce, it may be mentioned that as there has been no change in the divorce laws of this country since war broke out, it is obvious that legislation dating from pre-war days could not provide for such a contingency. The fact that the husband has become an alien "enemy" is not recognised in English law, despite a general belief to the contrary, as constituting an offence under the divorce laws. Should legislation bearing on this point be introduced during the war, the view would probably be taken that the prolonged absence of the husband constituted legal desertion of the wife wishing to obtain relief.

Nearly all the German papers to-day are rejoicing that the Central Empires will be able to turn their full force to the West and the *Reichswehr* *Westfront* Zeitung pours the vials of its wrath on France. It holds the real war has only begun, now that Germany's power no longer is tied up in the East, and it will end only when the French menace has been beaten down.

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Dated the 11th day of May, 1918.

Hongkong.

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#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 23rd May, 1918, at 10.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1917, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 13th May to 31st May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

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## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, May 11, 1918.

### THE SHIPPING FACTOR.

THE extent of America's part in the great war is, as the world has been repeatedly reminded, governed by the shipping tonnage available for transporting her army, war material and other supplies to France. Germany, assuming that her submarine warfare would make the transport and maintenance of a large American army on the European continent an impossibility, regarded the American declaration of war with something like open contempt, in the same way as the Kaiser regarded the British Army three and a half years ago. We now know that German opinion on the subject is rapidly changing in regard to the extent to which America will participate in the war, as it long ago changed on the subject of the British Army. The more the world is permitted to know of the American organization to play an important part in the war against the enemies of Civilization and Humanity the firmer must become public confidence in the ultimate defeat of the Hunnish Powers. There is, happily, no longer any reason to fear that the German submarine will decide the war in Germany's favour. We had in the cables the other day a British Admiralty statement which mentioned that during the first three months of 1918, 320,280 tons were completed in United Kingdom yards and 644,427 tons were launched in Allied and Neutral countries. These figures show a remarkable increase on the corresponding figures, say, for the same months last year. There is now a regular progressive increase in the output of shipping tonnage, and it is important to note that the Allied Powers have not yet reached the limit of their capacity in this respect. America especially is showing an astonishing ship-building development. Mr. HURLEY, the Chairman of the United States Shipping Board, in a speech in New York a few weeks ago, drew up the curtain which has concealed to some extent America's colossal activities in this connection. He stated that despite all the delays and discouragements which had been experienced the United States would soon have 730 yards turning out ships, and he declared that "the three governments fabricating yards near Philadelphia when in full operation will be able to produce more ships in a year than all the combined shipyards of England, hitherto the greatest shipbuilding country in the world." Mr. HURLEY further stated that the United States Government's mammoth steel shipbuilding programme of 8,000,000 tons was on March 1 twenty-eight per cent. on its way to completion. This does not mean that twenty-eight per cent. of the ships are in the water, but that construction as a whole had advanced that far. Eight per cent. of the vessels, Mr. HURLEY said, actually had been put into service. Mr. HURLEY gave his audience facts and figures on which he based the conclusion that the new industry which America has created will make her "the greatest maritime nation in the world."

"It took Germany forty years," Mr. HURLEY said, "to build up her mighty military machine. In less than eight months we have built up a shipbuilding machine, which, when it gets into full swing will defeat the military machine of Germany." America is not only providing the ships; she is also training the men to man them. On this point we may quote the following paragraph from a speech made at the same gathering by Mr. HENRY HOWARD, of Boston, Director of the United States Shipping Board Recruiting Service, who said: "Our programme called for eight thousand officers in the first year. We established a chain of free government navigation and marine engineering schools, extending along the Atlantic Gulf, Pacific and great lakes. Taking these schools together, we have an average attendance of six hundred to eight hundred, with a course lasting five to six weeks. Since we started our work there have been more than six thousand deck and engineer officers licensed." It was doubtless with taller knowledge of these things than the average man possesses that Mr. LORD GORGE, a little while ago predicted that the Germans would receive from the Americans "the surprise of their lives."

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The statement of the Colony's Assets and Liabilities on 31st December, 1917, shows a credit balance of \$9,268,091.

A List of the Official and Non-Official Justices of the Peace of the Colony is published in the current issue of the Gazette.

It is proclaimed in the Gazette by order of His Excellency the Governor in Council that the Philippine Islands are a place at which an infectious or contagious disease prevails.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending 21st April, amounted to 2,808 tons and the sales during the period, to 81,131 tons.

Hongkong Trade Returns for a portion of the year 1917, compiled by the Statistical Branch of the Imports & Exports Department, have just been issued by the Government Printers, Messrs. Noronha & Co.

A Regulation has been made by the Governor-in-Council that it shall not be lawful for any public vaccinator, without the consent in writing of the Inspector of Vaccination, to advertise or publish his name as being a Public Vaccinator or authorized to issue certificates of vaccination.

The name of Dr. H. L. Cumming has been added to the Register of Medical Practitioners entitled to practise in the Colony. We understand that Dr. Cumming, who was formerly in practice in Johore, and has more recently been on war service, is joining the firm of Drs. Steadman, Harston, Marriott & Black.

The body of a Chinese was sent to the Public Mortuary yesterday. The body was discovered by the Police floating in the harbour near the fore shore at Teat Tze Mui (Seven Sisters). There was a gun-shot wound in the chest and the body was in an advanced state of decomposition and unrecognizable. It is not known whether the shot was self-inflicted or not.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:

W. Murray Scott, Esq. \$20  
J. Reid, Esq. 20  
E. Banfield Caley, Esq. 10  
J. Dalziel, Esq. 10  
J. Rogers, Esq. 5  
J. W. Stewart, Esq. 3

It is notified in the Government Gazette for general information, that due notice of the appointment of the Reverend Mother Teresa Pera as Mother Superior in the Colony of Hongkong of the Society of the Daughters of Charity of the Canadian Institute and proof thereof has been placed in the hands of His Excellency the Governor, as provided by section 6 (2) of Ordinance No. 26 of 1915.

## COMPANY MEETING.

### THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LIMITED.

The twenty-ninth ordinary meeting of the above Company was held at the offices of the Company to-day, at noon. Mr. A. O. Lang presided and there were present the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., and the Hon. Mr. D. Landale (Director), Mr. F. Graham (Manager), and Messrs. R. Hancock, Lo Cheung Shin, Ho Kwong, Leung Yan Po, Leung Wing Sang, To Ho King, O. Baptista and L. E. Ozorio.

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen,—The Report and Accounts have been in your hands for some days, and with your permission I shall follow the usual procedure and take them, together with the Auditor's Certificate, as read. The Net Profit amounts to \$578,558.78, to which has to be added \$113,750.11 brought forward from last year, making a total of \$692,308.89 available for distribution, and this your Directors recommend be disposed of as follows:—

To pay a Dividend of \$2.25 per share on 50,000 shares.....\$1,125,000.00  
To pay a Bonus of 75 cents per share.....45,000.00  
To place to Reserve.....100,000.00  
To write off Plant for Depreciation.....200,000.00  
To write off New Property Account for Depreciation.....70,000.00  
To write off Furniture Accounts for Depreciation.....565.35  
To pay a Bonus to Staff 12,500.45  
To carry forward to next account.....131,042.89  
\$634,106.89

Dividend and bonus are the same as last year, and I trust the return of \$3 per share will meet with approval. The addition of \$100,000 to Reserve, bringing that Fund up to \$500,000, will no doubt commend itself to all prudent shareholders. Writing off Plant is a little in excess of what was appropriated for the same purpose last year, but the increase is advisable, mainly on account of the heavy wear and tear to which the machinery is at present being subjected. The policy which has been pursued in the past of liberal writing down Plant is, without question, responsible to a great extent for the sound condition in which the Company is to-day, and I trust that it may long continue to have the approval of shareholders. Owing to the War, combined with the high rates of freight now ruling as the result thereof, steel work and other materials for the Buildings have cost more than was originally estimated, and that accounts for a considerable proportion of the sum written off New Property. The bonus to Staff has been well earned, as a great deal of overtime has been necessary. The additional duties have been cheerfully and conscientiously performed, and I therefore hope you will sanction the payment of this extra remuneration. There is one other item in the Accounts to which I desire to make reference, and that is the donation of \$5,000 to War Charities. In addition to this contribution the Company has supplied light and fittings free of charge to numerous entertainments in aid of War Funds, and I feel certain no shareholder will object to the assistance given both in money and by service. With regard to the North Point Station I am sorry there is nothing encouraging to report. When addressing you last year I mentioned that the new Plant had on more than one occasion actually been ready for shipment when it was commandeered, and conditions at Home having apparently become more acute in the interval I think we can resign ourselves to the fact that delivery will not be obtained until after the War is over. In view of our urgent needs your Directors decided to try and secure the necessary machinery from America but, principally on account of suppliers' inability to furnish any guarantee in respect of delivery, nothing has so far eventuated. We are not disposed to enter into any agreement without obtaining some undertaking as to time of delivery; it may interest you to know, however, that negotiations are still proceeding on the lines that if shipment is not effected within a stated period we shall have the option of cancelling any contract entered into. As you are aware Wanchai Power Station is now taxed almost beyond its capacity and under existing conditions it is quite impossible to give the Plant anything like a thorough overhaul. During the past few months several breakdowns have occurred, though I am glad to say none were of a serious nature. It is almost inevitable that there may be occasions in the future when consumers will be temporarily inconvenienced by being without light, I trust, however, no trouble of any magnitude will manifest itself and that it will be found possible to carry on without any undue interruption. With regard to current year's working, I am afraid that owing to the greatly in-

creased cost of coal, oil fuel and stores generally it is unlikely that results will be up to the standard of those for the period under review, but if it is still possible to get ordinary maintenance supplies there should be no very great falling off in earnings. I should be failing in my duty were I to omit this opportunity of acknowledging the help and assistance which this Company has received from the Hongkong Government in connection with our applications to the Authorities in London for permission to export such material as is necessary for maintenance requirements, and which are highly appreciated. With these few remarks I beg to propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented, and after they have been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions which shareholders may desire to put.

In seconding the motion, Mr. R. HANCOCK said:—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, it is my privilege for the second year in succession to second the adoption of the Report and Accounts of this Company. Last year I stated that 1916 was a record for the Company, but 1917 has eclipsed this record, the net profit being about \$70,000 better, a state of affairs on which I think the General Agents and all those connected with the management of the Company are to be heartily congratulated. I am sure the allocation of the profit will meet with the full approval of all Shareholders, who have long since come to recognise this stock as one of the soundest investment Stocks in the Colony. The conservative policy of strengthening the Company by building up its reserve and writing off plant is in no small way responsible for this state of affairs, and so long as the Management continue in the future the excellent policy laid down by them in the past there is nothing to fear. The demand for electricity, not only for lighting purposes, but also for motive power, is increasing steadily all the time, and constant expenditure is necessary to keep a plant like ours up to date. All shareholders will unanimously approve of the contribution of \$5,000 to War Charities made again in the past year, and I am sure I am only voicing their opinion when I say it is not only a pleasure, but a duty to be able to help in some way those who are defending the freedom of the World against Prussian militarism. It is very unfortunate that the position with regard to the plant for the new North Point Station is no more satisfactory than it was this time last year, but the delay has been fully explained by the Chairman. With the overtaxed Wanchai Station we must expect occasional lapses, but I think great credit is due to the Staff for the extra work thrown on their shoulders, and that the suggested Bonus to them is well earned, and is approved by shareholders. Last year I said in my concluding remarks that I hoped by the time we met again the War would be over. Unfortunately this hope has not been realized. The fight for the freedom of the world still goes on, but I feel sure that if the Allies remain steadfast to their purpose, and when our latest Ally, America, the greatest democracy in the world, is able to put her force into the fray, the tide will turn, and from the darkness which now overshadows the world will emerge a brighter day, brighter because Right will have prevailed at last against Might, and the freedom of peace-loving peoples will again have been restored.

With these remarks I beg to second the adoption of the Report and Accounts.

The motion was unanimously passed. Mr. LO CHEUNG SHU proposed and Mr. R. HANCOCK seconded, the appointment to the Board of Directors of the Hon. Mr. D. Landale, and the motion was carried. Mr. HO KWONG proposed and Mr. LEUNG YAN PO seconded, the re-appointment to the Board of Directors of the Hon. Mr. D. Landale and the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., and the motion was carried. Mr. OZORIO proposed, and Mr. BAPTISTA seconded, the re-election of Mr. O. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., as auditor for the ensuing year at the remuneration of \$400, and the motion was carried.

The CHAIRMAN then announced that dividend warrants were ready and the meeting terminated.

ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE BRIGADE.  
HONGKONG AND CHINA DISTRICT.  
No. 2 V.A.B.  
Thursday, May 16th—  
8 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.  
No. 3 V.A.B.  
Monday, May 13th—  
1.15 p.m. Recruit Drill.  
Tuesday, May 14th—  
1.15 p.m. Bandaging Class.  
Wednesday, May 15th—  
8.30 p.m. Band Practice.  
Thursday, May 16th—  
1.15 p.m. Recruit Drill.  
Friday, May 17th—  
1.15 p.m. Bandaging Class.  
Saturday, May 18th—  
8.30 p.m. Band Practice.  
8.15 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.  
(Trained Members).  
No. 4 V.A.B.  
Tuesday, May 14th—  
4.30 p.m. First Aid Class.  
Thursday, May 16th—  
1.20 p.m. Bandaging Practice.  
Friday, May 17th—  
4.30 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.  
8.30 p.m. Band Practice.  
(Trained Members).  
District Super. in Charge of District.

## HONGKONG GOSSIP.

To all in the Colony the phrase, "The First Hundred Thousand," will be familiar as being the title of the book written by Ian Hay in which he sets forth the story of the first hundred thousand of our boys at home who responded so nobly to the call of their King and Country. Most of us out here were not privileged to have a share in this glorious company, but there is before us an opportunity to have a share in "The Last Hundred Thousand." This refers not to men but to dollars. As is known, our local branch of the St. George's Society has set before itself the ideal of raising \$500,000 by the sale of Hongkong War Bond tickets. The sale of these tickets closes on June 12th and I am told there are still 20,000 tickets still unsold, which means that there is still \$100,000 to be realised. It is hoped that all will unite in seeing that these tickets are sold as, apart from the fascination there is in buying them and the chances one gets thereby of winning a prize, there is the higher motive, to help those who have given the highest and best a man can give himself, to be used in his country's service.

Writing of the St. George's Society reminds one that so far this year we have had no St. George's Society dinner. Surely this is a mistake, as the holding of such would be a source of strength to a young society, as far as its life in the Colony goes and would, no doubt, result in an increased list of members.

If ever a history is written of the War Work accomplished in Hongkong there will be at least one chapter devoted to the work done by its women. On every hand one sees signs—and results—of their activity. Here, as at home, they are taking the place of men who have laid down the pen to take up the sword. But I am told that there are still in the Colony a number of women who are willing and desirous of taking up work if only they can learn of vacancies. It seems to me that it is up to the heads of the several firms here who are, on their own admission, hard pressed and under-staffed, to make known in some way what their requirements are. If only they would do this it is certain that they would have many offers of service, for I know that the women of this Colony have no desire to be behind their sisters at home when the full story of this war is told, and it cannot be denied there are some in Hongkong who are well blessed with spare time.

During the past few days Dame Rumour has been busy at work on that controversial subject, "Conscription." Extravagant stories have been told and heard, some reminding one of the story told of the Russian soldiers who passed through England in the early days of the war. Surely it is all a mistake and reflects on the men remaining in the Colony. The ones who are still here are here not by any wish of their own but in a number of cases, because they are medically unfit, and with a number because those with a wider and more far-seeing knowledge of things feel it is their duty for them to stay. Every individual man in the Colony is, I am convinced, willing to sink any personal ambitions and desires and to serve his country in whatever capacity he may be called upon to do so in, and therefore there is not much room for misconception, and those who would discuss it in so far as it may be applicable to this Colony would do well to remember that they are casting aspersions on the men who are left behind.

During the past few years the Chinese in the Colony have made great strides in their Western learning. But apparently they intend to make the same progress in their games. In football, tennis, volley ball, chess, and in fact in most of the games to which they have been introduced in the past few years, they are excelling beyond our highest anticipations. One of the best athletes in the Colony is a pupil of one of the local schools, and only a few days ago created the following records:—19' 3" for the long jump, 5' 3" for the high jump, and 103' feet for 100 yds. In addition to all this he is considered one of the best Volley Ball players in the Far East. It looks as if Young China believes in what we were taught in our schools at home *Mens sana in corpore sano*.

THE WRITERS.

## NOW IS THE TIME.

FOR rheumatism you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Pain Balm. Now is the time to get rid of it. Try this liniment and see how quickly it will relieve the pain, and how soon it will get you on your feet again. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

## CHINESE AFFAIRS.

### [The "China Mail" Service.]

#### THE WAR THERMOMETER DROPS.

Peking, May 10.  
Owing to financial difficulties and considerations of diplomatic relations the Peace movement has been revived.

Certain arrangements have been made by Liang Shih Yi in Tientsin and Tso Kai Kim in Shanghai which have caused the war thermometer of Nei Sao Chung and Chu Shu Tsung to drop greatly.

#### FINANCE MINISTER ABSENTS HIMSELF.

Peking, May 10.  
As the military expenses which the different Commanders in the field have requested amount to nearly \$20,000,000 and there are no funds available to meet them, Tso Yu Lam (Finance Minister) has not attended the Ministry for several days and is desirous of resigning the portfolio.

#### THE TELEGRAPH LOAN.

Peking, May 10.  
The Telegraphs Loan of \$20,000,000 has been signed. The interest is to be 8 per cent. and repayment is to be made in five months. The Agreement provides that Japanese engineers shall be employed and Japanese materials used in extending the telegraphs.

#### HONGKONG "BISLEY," 1918.

In addition to those already named, a team has been entered from the H.K.S. Battalion R.G.A.

H.E. the Governor's Cup will be presented to the best individual shot. Cups for the second and third best individual scores have been offered by the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., and Mr. N. J. Stabb, O.B.E., respectively.

The Officers of the 74th Punjab and 18th Infantry have given a Cup for the best team in the Rapid Shooting at 200 yards.

Prizes are required for the Teams securing respectively first, second, and third places. The latest date for receiving the names of the 60 competitors is extended from Friday, May 17th to Tuesday, May 21st at noon. No subsequent alterations in the list of competitors will be allowed except on the ground of sickness certified by an officer of the unit concerned.

#### PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LTD.

The Report of the Directors for the year ending 30th April, states:—  
Gentlemen—The Directors now beg to submit to you their Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th April, 1918.

The Net Profit for the twelve months, after deducting Directors' Fees and General Managers' Remuneration and providing for loss on subsidiary and silver coins, amounts to \$26,404.10. To which has to be added the Balance brought forward from last account, 2,541.98.

Making available for appropriation.....\$28,946.08

The Directors recommend that a Dividend at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum be paid to Shareholders, amounting to \$21,000.00, that \$5,000.00 be transferred to Reserve Fund, and that the Balance of \$2,946.08 be carried to a new Profit and Loss Account.

#### DIRECTORS.

During the year Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton resigned on leaving the Colony, and his place was filled by Hon. Mr. David Landale. In accordance with Rule 73 of the Company's Articles of Association, Dr. J. W. Noble, Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. C. B. Gubbay, Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G., and Hon. Mr. David Landale retire. Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. C. B. Gubbay, Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G., and Hon. Mr. David Landale offer themselves for re-election.

#### AUDITORS.

The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. O. Bernard Brown and A. E. Lowe, who offer themselves for re-election.

#### HENRY HUMPHREYS.

Chairman.

#### CROUP.

THIS disease is so dangerous and so rapid in its development that every mother of young children should be prepared for it. It is very risky to wait until the attack of croup appears and then send for medicine and let the child suffer until it can be obtained. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is prompt and effective and has never been known to fail in any case. Always have a bottle in the home. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.



## TELEGRAMS.

## THE "MAURICE" LETTER.

## DISCUSSION IN PARLIAMENT.

(Continued from Page 1.)

The Premier said he proposed to give the whole of the sources of the information on which he and Mr. Bonar Law made their statements, and invite the house to judge today. (Cheers.) He and Mr. Bonar Law were both anxious to give an opportunity for the examination of these statements by a perfectly impartial tribunal, because there was a mass of very confidential information which any Committee would be entitled to demand. They were anxious to place these documents at the disposal of an impartial Committee because they knew that when that was done there would be absolutely no doubt in the minds of the tribunal regarding the veracity of the statements made.

LATER.

Mr. Lloyd George quoted from a document from General Maurice's Department nine days after he made his speech on April 6th, that the combatant strength of the British Army in January, 1918, was greater than in January, 1917. General Maurice's Department also supplied his figures given in that speech regarding the comparative belligerent strength on the West Front. The Premier's figures about White troops in Egypt and Palestine were never corrected by General Maurice in the Cabinet. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig was reluctant to extend his line, which was only done upon very great pressure from France.

## MR. ASQUITH'S MOTION REJECTED.

## AN OVATION FOR THE PREMIER.

The rejection of Mr. Asquith's motion was greeted with loud and prolonged cheers. Mr. Lloyd George received an ovation.

## GALLANT LEICESTERS.

## FRENCH COLONEL'S PRAISE.

London, May 9. Reuter's Correspondent at the French Headquarters, writing on the 8th inst., describing the work of the French troops in the defence of Scherpenberg on April 20th, says the same German troops were engaged which captured Kemmel. The same French Division still barred the way. The French Colonel, under whose orders were two battalions of British Infantry and some British artillery, said the British infantry, who were Leicestershire men, fought in a way that evoked the warmest praise of himself and the Poilus.

## THE OPERATIONS IN PALESTINE.

## A TURKISH CLAIM.

London, May 7. A Turkish communiqué claims that British attacks, east of the Jordan on May 3rd, failed, with heavy losses. The British cavalry was broken and dispersed.

## THE HOME RULE BILL.

## ANOTHER POSTPONEMENT.

London, May 9. In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law announced that owing to the difficulty of the question and the Government being occupied with other matters, it would be impossible to introduce the Home Rule Bill before the adjournment from May 10th to May 28th.

## THE LANCASHIRE COTTON INDUSTRY.

London, May 8. The Liverpool Post anticipates a further reduction in the Lancashire cotton output unless the Government can provide more tonnage for export from the United States.

## THE SILVER MARKET.

London, May 8. The Silver Market is very quiet.

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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## THE WESTERN FRONT.

## BRITISH POSITIONS IMPROVED.

London, May 9. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:

Successful British and French counter-attacks in the La Clytte-Vormezeele sector drove the enemy from portions of our front line in which he had obtained a footing, and we re-established our original position. We captured several prisoners.

The enemy, again attacking northward of Kemmel this morning, pressed in our line slightly at one point, where fighting continued.

Two German Divisions participated in Wednesday morning's attack. Our artillery and infantry inflicted heavy casualties both during the attack and in our counter-attack.

We captured 30 prisoners in local fighting at Buquoy.

We further progressed between the Somme and the Ancre and improved our positions here, taking prisoners.

We repulsed raids at Lens and Arras. The enemy's artillery developed considerable activity in the Albert sector.

## GERMANS FOUGHT TO A STANDSTILL.

## BRITISH RESTORE A BROKEN LINE.

London, May 9. Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing today, states:

Throughout yesterday, the enemy pushed his attack in the direction of the north-eastern slopes of Scherpenberg with great determination and first made several successive stages of progress.

The opening infantry attack was launched at 9.30, under cover of an intensive bombardment, and was directed against the right flank of our Northern Army and overlapping our junction with the French.

An hour later, after throwing in several waves of assaulting troops, the Germans gained a footing in our front line for a considerable width and sent many parties penetrated to Kleinviestraat and Kabbaret.

The situation at this time seems to have been rather difficult. Thereafter, in the early afternoon, the Germans made a vigorous effort to get through Ridge Wood. About 1.30, when the battle was still raging with unabated fury, we still held the hamlet of Kleinviestraat but had been pressed back south-west of the wood.

The French were then holding the line along Wyverbeek. The Germans, continuing to throw in fresh troops, pressed us back towards the western edge of Ridge Wood and momentarily occupied the greater part of this position, but we still had parties holding out in Kleinviestraat.

Later, the French helped to restore complete possession of this place and before sunset the Germans had fought themselves to a standstill, having suffered heavily, but having gained ground of some tactical importance.

Ridge Wood being a distinct step towards the coveted point Zepplins of Scherpenberg. Just before dawn we counter-attacked under cover of a terrific bombardment and the enemy was forced to yield the ground he had occupied at such cost. By night we had restored the original line practically everywhere, leaving only one or two little pockets of Germans to be stopped up. Further south, the Australians around Morlan-court further improved the line gained by their advances north of the Somme Canal.

## ARTILLERY ACTIVITY ON FRENCH FRONT.

London, May 9. A French communiqué says there was lively reciprocal artillery activity north of the Aisne.

## THE POLITICAL CRISIS.

## THREE-FIGURE GOVERNMENT MAJORITY EXPECTED.

London, May 9. The Lobby was quieter yesterday, in view of a general expectation that the Government would secure probably a three-figure majority today.

The Irish Nationalists decided last night not to participate in the debate. It is now stated that Mr. Asquith is not making a bid for office, but it is assumed he calculates the debate will further weaken the Government.

The newspapers continue to comment, somewhat bitterly, on the situation, but none can suggest an alternative Ministry. The only proposal in this direction today is by a letter from Sir West Ridgeway, that the Speaker should be the new Premier.

Ministerial organs hope that if Mr. Lloyd George's answer, as they expect, is complete and crushing, then an end will be put once and for all to the campaign of intrigue and rancorous attack.

## ROGER CASEMENT II?

## LANDED IN IRELAND FROM A GERMAN SUBMARINE.

London, May 9. In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Ronald McNeill K.C., Nationalist Member for Donegal, Mr. Macpherson confirmed that a man had landed from a German submarine recently on the west coast of Ireland, and had been arrested. He is now in the Tower awaiting court-martial.

## BRITISH MINE-SWEEPER SUNK.

London, May 8. The Admiralty announces that a British mine-sweeper was mined and sunk on May 1st.

Three officers and 23 men, including the mercantile crew, were killed.

## A GERMANO-BULGARIAN EXCHANGE OF TERRITORY.

AMSTERDAM, May 9. A telegram from Vienna states that in exchange for territorial acquisitions in the Dobruja, Bulgaria will recognise and consolidate all her floating debts in Germany for army supplies.

The Subraje will be asked to vote one-and-a-half millions of marks for this purpose and a four-and-a-half per cent. loan will be issued.

A Germano-Bulgarian Company will exploit Constantza harbour, also the Constantza-Cernavoda line.

## THE RUMANIAN PEACE.

## GERMAN SPOILATION.

London, May 9. The newspapers refer to the Rumanian Peace Treaty as justifying the worst that has been said about what Germany will do if she has the power.

It is pointed out that the formidable Rumanian Army was led to lay down arms by fair promises, only to find that every promise concealed a scheme of spoliation. With the wholesale loss of territory and her great oil assets, the Rumanian indemnity must be counted in millions of millions.

The *Manchester Guardian* characterises the treaty as being as harsh as could be devised.

## SPAIN'S INDIFFERENCE.

## BULL FIGHTS AND PRO-GERMANISM.

MADEIRA, May 9. A Dutch gentleman has arrived, after a three years' sojourn in Spain, and describes the country as being wholly taken up with bull-fights. Even the poorest have enough money to attend and bet on the bull-fights. The people do not care a rap about the war. Though at least two-thirds are avowedly pro-German, nothing will induce them to fight on either side. Barcelona, however, is pro-Entente.

## STRIKE LEADERS RELEASED.

MADRID, May 9. The Amnesty Bill, releasing the strike leaders, has been passed.

## TRANS-ATLANTIC WAR RISKS.

## INSURANCE RATES REDUCED.

NEW YORK, May 9. It is officially announced that trans-Atlantic war-risk insurance rates for American steamers has been reduced from three to two per cent. owing to the decreased risk of submarine warfare.

## MAIL LOSSES AT SEA.

London, May 8. The Post Office announces the loss at sea, through enemy action, of parcels posted from Singapore between February 16 and March 2, from Penang between February 18 and March 5, and from the Malay States between February 16 and March 4. Only a few letters were lost, dated March 1 to March 3 from Singapore, and March 4 to March 5 from Penang, which senders had specially marked.

## SHORTAGE OF HUSBANDS.

## ARE GIRLS LESS PARTICULAR IN THEIR CHOICE?

Owing to the shortage of men, girls are becoming less particular in their choice of suitors, so speakers declared at a conference which the Lord Mayor of London opened at the Guildhall recently to consider the working of the Mental Deficiency Act.

Lady Nott-Bower, who is a Poor Law guardian of Richmond, Surrey, said many a girl was now willing to accept the attentions of even the hand in the marriage of a feeble-minded man, whom she would not have looked at before the war. She had seen quite astonishing marriages since the war.

The mentally defective declared Dr. A. E. Tredgold, of Guildford, were exerting an influence upon posterity which must seriously impair the efficiency and undermine the man-power of the country. While the average number of children born to the whole community was four per family, the number born to these degenerate families was seven.

"It is the least fit stocks from which the future generation will be recruited. We cannot afford to increase this tendency by permitting the unlimited breeding of the feeble-minded. The war has increased the birth-rate of these persons, and a large proportion of them have become centres for the spread of disease."

Another doctor mentioned a workhouse where there were 16 feeble-minded women who were the mothers of a total of 116 children born out of wedlock.

## THE CORRECT PRONUNCIATION OF "QUEER."

The Manchester woman who called a queue a "kwee" is perhaps not further astray in her pronunciation than we all are when we call it "que". To British ears there is little difference between the French pronunciation of their queue and the English pronunciation of their queue. Unfortunately, it is impossible to give the exact equivalent sound in our written language. When the same word queue was introduced into the billiard room, its spelling was wisely anglicised; but the pronunciation followed the spelling. The word is from the Latin *cauda*, a tail.

## THE WAR SAVINGS.

## SEVENTEENTH LIST OF THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION.

Amounts totalling \$64,968 have been received by the Hongkong and South China War Savings Association for the past month, and invested in the War Loans Investment Trust of Malaya at 6 per cent.

There was one subscription of \$5,000, one of \$4,500, one of \$3,500 and two of \$3,000. In amounts between \$1,000 and \$2,000 there were thirteen subscriptions, and between \$1,000 and \$500 there were six subscriptions. There were ten subscriptions of \$100, fifty-four subscriptions of sums below that amount, and exceeding \$100, and one hundred and sixty-eight subscriptions in amounts below \$100, thirty-three of \$100, forty-five of \$50, twenty-five of \$10 and twenty-eight of \$5 each.

The amounts in Hongkong currency received by the Association up to date are as follows:

1st List	39,100.00
2nd List	10,380.00
3rd List	62,075.00
4th List	210,305.00
5th List	123,680.00
6th List	52,123.00
7th List	61,880.00
8th List	68,333.00
9th List	110,593.00
10th List	140,345.00
11th List	49,715.00
12th List	49,525.00
13th List	80,875.00
14th List	43,680.00
15th List	84,355.00
16th List	72,390.00
17th List	84,985.00
Total	\$1,354,225.00

In addition to the above, the following amounts have been received, all of which have been invested in War Loan Investment Trust of Malaya at 6 per cent.:

Straits Currency	\$ 37,574.91
Previously acknowledged	135,029.64
Total	\$172,604.55
Sterling	£ 498 18 4
Previously acknowledged	4,756 3 1
Total	£5,254 19 5
Gold dollars	G\$ 240.00
Previously acknowledged	1,325.74
Total	G\$1,565.74
Tels	Ts 256.00
Previously acknowledged	50.00
Total	Ts 306.00
Piastre	1.00

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## THE MAGISTRACY.

## A WEAK DEFENCE.

A coolie, formerly employed by the Kowloon Godowns, was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, with the theft of a quantity of iron from the Kowloon Godowns.

Mr. Robertson, Superintendent Engineer of the Kowloon Godowns, said he recognised the iron as the property of the godowns.

Defendant said he picked up the metal from a hole in the ground.

Inspector Gordon said he inspected the hole which he found to be a small one and probably scooped up by hand. The defendant tried hard to evade arrest and in the struggle an Indian constable had his hand hurt.

Mr. Wood sentenced the defendant to three months' hard labour.

## A BANISHMENT'S RETURN.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, with returning from banishment before his term had expired.

Defendant said he returned to the Colony solely for the purpose of getting his clothing.

Mr. Wood sentenced the defendant to one year's hard labour and four hours' stocks in lieu of the last day.

## CRUELTY TO PIGEONS.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. A. Dyer Ball this morning, with cruelty to birds.

It was stated that the defendant had 353 live pigeons packed up in three baskets on board the *Haguenau*. The baskets, Police Reserve Thomas said, were too small to contain even a quarter of the number.

A fine of \$25 was imposed.

## SPORTING.

## HONGKONG CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP.

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The results of the games concluded during the past week are as follows:

Ray won against Un Kwai Yung.  
Ray won against Stevens.  
To U Lau won against Roarico.  
Pollock won against Carvalho.  
Lo Hing Kun won against Chan Kwan Chiu.  
Carvalho won against Chan Kwan Chiu.  
Stevens won against Smith (default).  
Lo Hing Kun won against Ho Leung Weng (default).  
Pollock drew with Un Kwai Yung.

The scores up to date are as follows:

Carvalho	4
Chan Kwan Chiu	1
Ho Leung Weng	0
Lo Hing Kun	2
Pollock	2
Ramsay	0
Roarico	0
Sequeira	0
Smith	3
Stevens	3
To U Lau	1
Un Kwai Yung	1

Mr. H. A. Phipps has retired from the competition. The scores of the games in which he took part have therefore been cancelled.

## YACHTING.

## ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The Races for Token Prizes presented by His Excellency the Governor, which were abandoned last Saturday, and again on Wednesday, owing to the weather, were resailed on Thursday evening and resulted in the "Wholly" sailed by Miss Davidson, winning the Handicap Class Event, the "Daphne," sailed by Miss Cress, winning the One Design Event, and the "Lady Ursula," sailed by Mrs. Rouse, winning the Bayward Handicap.

Mr. Sutherland in calling upon Miss Iris May to present the Prizes, said that the events just decided must be looked upon as most important from the fact that the lady competitors had faced the starter three times. The races had to be put off on the first occasion through lack of wind, and on the second through over-abundance of wind. He doubted if better starts had ever been seen in Hongkong, even amongst the best yachtsmen. The course was no doubt somewhat short, but nevertheless the Ladies had shown great pluck and skill, and the wins had been well merited. The thanks of the Club were due to His Excellency Sir E. H. May, himself one of the foremost yachtsmen in the East, for so kindly contributing the prizes, and he called upon those present to give three hearty cheers for His Excellency. He hoped there would be many more such Ladies Yacht Races and although in these days it is specially difficult to arrange even the ordinary Club Championship events, he trusted that when times were more normal, the Ladies Races would be seriously taken up by the Committee, and he had no doubt that they would become a very popular institution.

Miss May then presented the Prizes and was accorded three rousing cheers. Mrs. Arthur presenting her with a bouquet.

Tea was provided by Mrs. Sutherland on board the "Thistle" and one of the finest hours' sport of the season concluded.

## TENNIS.

## DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL.

The final match in the Open Doubles Championship, between Nisbet and Hancock, M. W. and M. B. Lo, which took place yesterday on the War Charities Court, drew the biggest crowd of spectators for the season. The game opened with 2-2; then Nisbet and Hancock took three successive games making it 5-2. The Lo's took the next game 5-3, and then the set went to Nisbet and Hancock by 6-3. The third set opened with the Lo Brothers leading by 2-0 and a win for them was anticipated. Nisbet and Hancock, however, were not to be denied, and they won the next four games in succession and the set. The winners possessed the advantage of reach and their accuracy at the nets proved a strong barrier which disconcerted their opponents. Lobbying by the Lo's did not produce the effect desired and left opportunities for smashes which Nisbet and Hancock did not fail to take advantage of.

In the Open Singles Championship, Green played Yew Man Tsin. Green with his beautiful placing continually kept his opponent on the run, but the latter replied effectively and also made Green do his share of the running, and some of his raw strokes were impossible to receive. Green took the first set by 6-2 and Yew Man Tsin the next by 6-2. The third set went to Green by 6-2 and to the general surprise Yew Man Tsin replied by taking the fourth set by 6-2. The last set was a fine struggle. The set opened with 2-2 each. Green captured two successive games making the score 4-2. Yew Man Tsin evened and took another game making it 4-3. His supporters were greatly excited and a win for him was expected. Green, however, played well and secured the next three games, thus winning both the set and the match. Both players were heartily applauded at the end of the match.

The following were yesterday's results:

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP DOUBLES.  
H. Hancock and H. A. Nisbet beat M. W. and M. B. Lo, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES.  
S. E. Green beat Yew Man Tsin, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP DOUBLES.  
G. Green and M. W. Nisbet (new 152) beat A. Hancock and M. B. Lo (new 152) 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES.  
A. H. Crook and A. L. Rouse (new 200) beat Capt. Gray and A. B. Bawer (new 200) 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

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